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REMARKS

This is a Response to the Notice of a Non-Compliant Amendment Mailed on January 24, 2005. This Response of January 31, 2005 is also being submitted in connection with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) that was filed on December 3, 2004.

The Notice points out that the Applicant did not provide each claim with its proper status identifier as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. The Applicant has now provided each claim with its proper status identifier in this paper. The January 24th Notice correctly points out that only entire corrected section of the non-compliant document must be resubmitted. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this non-compliance finding are respectfully requested in view of this Response of January 31, 2005.

Upon entry of this amendment, Claims 56-60 and 66-70 have been cancelled, and Claims 41-55, and 61-65 remain pending in this application. The three remaining independent claims are Claims 41, 47 and 61.

CONCLUSION

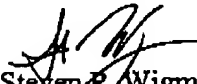
This Response of January 31, 2005 to the Notice of a Non-Compliant Amendment Mailed on January 24, 2005 and the Rule 116 amendment filed in connection with the RCE (both) filed December 3, 2004 are submitted as a full and complete response to the FINAL Office Action mailed on June 17, 2004. The Applicant and the undersigned thank Examiner Nalven for consideration of these remarks.

The Applicant has amended the claims and has submitted remarks to traverse rejections of Claims 41-70. The Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. Such action is hereby courteously solicited.

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If the Examiner believes that there are any issues that can be resolved by a telephone conference, or that there are any formalities that can be corrected by an Examiner's amendment, please contact the undersigned in the Atlanta Metropolitan area (404) 572-2884.

Respectfully submitted,


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